Excise Duty and Income Tax dues against M/s. Bhadrachalam Paper Board Limited

287 SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the show-cause notices for the recovery of excise duty and income-tax issued to M/s. Bhadrachalam Paper Boards Limited (I.T.C: Group) during the last three years; and

(b) what are the details of excise duty and income tax dues to be recovered against these notices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Charging of interest on dues pending against M/s. I.T.C. Limited

288. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to charge any interest on the dues recoverable from M|s. I.T.C. Limited with regard to excise duty cases for which show cause notices have been issued and recovery is pending decision by various Courts for a long time; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) and (b) The central Excises and Salt Act, 1944 and the rules made thereunder do not provide for charging of interest on excise duty for which show cause notices have been issued and its finalisation and recovery are pending decision by various Courts.

Flying of aircraft of Indian Airlines without trained cabin crews

289. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines authorities permitted the flying of aircraft to and from Calcutta Airport without trained cabin crews after the Airlines employees ceased work protesting against suspension of several members of the crew in the month of May, 1984;

(b) if so, who were the persons put on the aircraft as attendents and what training for the purpose they have received; and

(c) whether by such action the Airlines authorities have not violated the statutory safety rules in this regard and flew the aircraft with grave risk to the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) According to the requirements of the Director General of Civil Aviation, Cabin Crew should be given training in emergency operations. In order to have a stand-by team in case of a strike by the Cabin Crew, Indian Airlines have trained officers from the operations wing the technical wing and the Central Training Establishment etc. for emergency operations. These trained officers were utilised to perform the duties of the Cabin Crew. This does not constitute violation of any statutory safety rules.

Announcement regarding arrival/departure of aircraft

290. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the airports have been provided with the latest communication system;